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Honorable Chet Edwards  
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Dear Congressman Edwards:

This is in reply to your letter of March 12, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals, plus a discussion paper released March 1, 1993. In sum, no radio systems would be made obsolete by January 1, 1996.

We are sensitive to the need of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems. We will endeavour to protect private land mobile radio systems, including those of public safety entities. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding and will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



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Dear Sir:

As you know, the Federal Communications Commission has proposed changes in the regulation of two-way radio usage in the 150-512 megahertz band. These proposed rules changes are contained in PR Docket 92-235.

If these new regulations are passed, it would be devastating to the small volunteer fire departments in the rural areas of the country. For example, in Bell County, Texas, the fire department recently purchased new radios, all of which would be obsolete by January 1, 1996 if these new regulations were enacted. Some of those radios are still on order. It is unreasonable to expect local governments to be able to finance new radios for a this change in radio band over such a short period of time.

At a time when the federal government is imposing more and more mandates on state and local governments, I would hope that this additional burden could be avoided.

I urge your reconsideration of these new regulations. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Chet Edwards  
Member of Congress

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